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3V, TUNISIA. A small team of three Rhein Ruhr DX Association members, Andy/DJ7IK, Hein/DL20BF, and Felix/DL80BC, will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest. Operation will take place from the club station 3V8BB in Tunis and will be in the Multi OP, Single TX category of the contest. They will fly to 3V-land on November 22nd, and they hope to be operational one or two days before the contest (November 25 or 26th). They are aware of the fact that quite a few DXers still need 3V confirmed, so they will automatically confirm every QSO made with a QSL card via the bureau. If you can not wait for your bureau card, QSL directly to: Heinrich Langkopf, DL20BF, Ritterstrasse 42, D-31174 Schellerten, Germany

5R, MADAGASCAR. Ray, 7P8SR, is going to 5R8-land after he leaves Lesotho (read OPDX.229) but does not expect to be active there until April of 1996.

5R8DS WRAP UP REPORT. Ben, PA3BXC, has supplied OPDX with the following information on his 5R8DS operation which is now QRT. The last operation from 5R8DS was Sunday, 29th October around 0800z. Ben states he enjoyed the tremendous pileups he had on all bands up to 28 MHz using the big 17 element Log-Periodic and the 500w amp borrowed from Yoshi, JH8CLU/5R8DL. He is back in Holland now and plans to spend time with his XYL, kids and answering the many QSLs cards that were awaiting his return from 5R8-land. Ben reports that there are 3k S.A., 40k N.A., 31k EU and 16k AS contacts. Ben says the following: "People enclosed too many dollars and IRC's. Though very kind of them, I wish only to be just compensated, not become rich because of other's mistakes. I need only 1 (one) IRC or one (1) dollar to cover my postage, so would encourage to do so, no matter what. I can put two QSOs on one card. Also letters without postage is no problem, I will reply via bureau."

5Z, KENYA. Gerard, F2JD, who should be active now in Seychelles (S7), will stay there until the end of November. After his activity in S7-land, he will be in Kenya in early December and will stay for 10 days. Gerard hopes to reuse his previous call sign, 5Z4JD. Both trips are not DXpeditions. He is there for his work.

9Y, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. Bernd, DL1VJ, will be going to 9Y4-land for this year's CQWW CW as a SO/AB entry. He will be active from Tobago Island (IOTA SA-009). He may possibly be using a 9Y4 callsign in the contest,

which is presently not known yet.

CORRECTION! QSL Manager reported in OPDX.228 for TT8BP was incorrect. The correct one is: IK5JAN not IK5ANP.

CT3, MADEIRA ISLAND. The following stations will be active during the CQWW DX CW contest (November 25-26th) as single band entries: On 160 meters, CR9X operator Werner, QSL info DK8WF. On 80 meters, CT3FN operator Hermann, QSL info HB9CRV. On 20 meters, CR9U operator Siggi, QSL info DL2HYH. They will be active before and after the contest between November 16-31st, with activities on the WARC bands and 160/80 meters using the calls CT3/DL2HYH, CT3/DF5AN, CT3/DK8WF and CT3/DL4ZBI. If landing permission can be obtained and the weather permits a landing, the Ilhas Desertas (IOTA AF-046) will be activated on November 18-19th. Call sign will be CT3FN/p and QSL goes via HB9CRV.

D2, ANGOLA. Valenty, Y03YX, is currently active from a UN hospital signing D2/Y03YX. He can be found on 21273 kHz between 1700 and 1830z or on 14226 kHz around 2030z. QSL via Y03YU. The DXNS reports Y09CWY/D2 is a United Nations operation and is expected to be active for several months on all bands.

DU, PHILLIPINES. The DXNS also reports Martti/OH2BH and Olli/OH0XX will be active from DU9RG's QTH as a multi-single entry in the CQ CW Contest. They may be using a special call sign.

DXAC NEWS. There will be a new DXAC Representative for the Southeastern Division beginning January, 1996. Bart Fay, K4CEF, from Huntsville, Alabama (who has been one of the major contributor of information for the OPDX Bulletin) will be replacing Bob Beatty III, W4VQ.

EI, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND. EI7M (East Cork Radio Group) will be active for the forthcoming CQWW CW Contest. They will be working all bands. QSL to EI6HB as follows: Denis O' Flynn, Ladysbridge P.O., Castlemartyr, Co. Cork. Ireland.

HS8, THAILAND (SPECIAL EVENT STATION). HS8SEA will be active during SEANET Convention at Ko Samui, Thailand, November 17-19th. Activity will be on lowband (especially 3.5 MHz), HF, satellites MODE B (AO-10, AO-13, All RS satellites) and with operations on CW, SSB, RTTY, PACKET and AMTOR. QSL information will be announced over the air. The SEANET Convention is sponsored by the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King (HS0AC, HS50A) and Radio Amateur Society of Suratthani (HS8AS). SEANET (South East Asia Net) meets nightly on 14320 MHz +/- at 1200z.

NEW QSL ROUTE. Jose, HP2CWB, informs OPDX that because of problems of mail theft, a new U.S. address will be used for incoming mail until December 31, 1996. Outgoing mail will be sent out using the regular Panamanian Mail Service. Please include a SAE with an IRC or greenstamp and mail it to Jose NG Lee, Disney International, PTY-201, P.O. Box 02-5275, Miami, FL 33102-5275, for QSL card request for HP1CWB, HP2DFU, HP2CWB/P, H92A, HP9I, 3F2C, H33C, H03C and 3F0T.

NFL (No Fan Loyalty). (EDITORIAL by KB8NW) I know this does not have anything to do about DX, but because of the many fans and Browns Backers through world, Cleveland needs your help to stop the Cleveland Browns from moving to Baltimore. GREED and DECEPTION by the owner caused the move of the team, NOT the fans. The city, which is noted for its rich 50 year Browns tradition and its unique and loyal fans, was tossed into a state of shock. REMEMBER, this could happen to your city. Complaints about the move can be FAXed to the NFL at 212-758-1742 or call the NFL at 212-758-1500.

PQ5 & PT5, MEL ISLAND (BRAZIL). Begin looking for this IOTA (SA-047) island located in the Parana State Group, December 1-30th. Activity will be on all bands using the following callsigns: PQ5L (CW) and PT5M (SSB). QSL via PP5LL, Jaime Lira do Vale, PO Box 08, 88010-970, Florianopolis/SC, Brasil.

PW2, BRAZIL. Vitor, PY2NY, will be active as PW2N during the CQWW CW Contest as a LOW POWER Class entry on 160-10 meters.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION. On 12th December 1901, Marconi bridged the Atlantic by receiving the first transatlantic radio message on Signal Hill in St. John's, Newfoundland. To celebrate the 100th year of radio, a special QSL will be made available to any amateur or SWL who works/hears V01AA on 12th December this year. Please listen around 14030, 7030 (on CW) and 14300 (on SSB). V01AA is a club station located within 100m of where Marconi heard the first transatlantic signals.

An award is being established for anyone who works/hears V01AA on 5 or more anniversaries of 12 December from this year to the 100th anniversary in 2001. Further announcements will be made at a later date.

V01AA and the awards are sponsored by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs. V01AA also operates under the callsign V01IMD on international Marconi Day each year.

VK9, FREDERICK REEF. Steve, AA6LF, states that his expedition to Frederick Reef, which was to start on November 5th as VK4ALF/9, was cancelled due to very stormy weather. This was to be a new IOTA number.

VK0, HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION (UPDATE). Bob, KK6EK, reports the following: "This is not an official announcement, just a progress report. Ralph K0IR, who is still in Australia searching for options, will make a statement after he returns next week. I have just returned from Australia, where most of the expedition team assembled to attempt to work out the problem with transportation to Heard Island. I'm afraid I don't have good news. What happened is that the vessel with which we contracted had been grossly misrepresented to us, and in fact could not possibly have made this difficult voyage. The owner, however, is refusing to refund our money, more than \$100,000, most of which he has spent. It appears we were the victims of a deliberate scam, and it will take a protracted legal action to recover even part of the funds, certainly not enough, and not in time to go to Heard Island this season. During the past week, the team, supported by dozens of Australian hams and others, searched for an alternative vessel, making literally hundreds of contacts as far away as Singapore. There are

plenty of vessels available, but without the funds lost on the first vessel, none is within our resources. We have the permits, the gear (in Australia), and a vast network of support (including pilot stations, satellite phone, Internet communications, and a great core team). But we are at least \$80,000 short of what is needed. Failing an angel bringing a financial miracle, we will have no option but to cancel the expedition."

YS, EL SALVADOR. Tom, K8LA, will be active as YS1ZTM from November 18-28th. Activity will be a CW operation. He has a R5 for 20-10 meters, but is currently looking for something for 80-30 meters before his departure. Tom states he will also be doing a low key operation during the CQWW CW Contest.

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